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Part decided.

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TOP SECRETTo what extent can we alleviate our
minimum demands?

The most important matters that are pending in the Japanese-American negotiations are (1) the problems of stationing and withdrawal of troops in China and French Indo-China, (2) the problem of non-discrimination of trade in China, (3) the problem of interpretation and carrying out of the Tripartite Pact, and (4) the problem of the four basic principles. These items, however, can be alleviated to such extent as stated below:

Description

(1) The problem of stationing and withdrawal of troops in China.

As to this matter, in view of the fact that the United States, setting aside the reason for stationing troops for the time being, (a) attaches importance to the stationing of troops for an indefinite period, (b) lodges objection to have this included in the conditions for concluding peace (c) and in view of the fact that they demand further definite expression of will regarding the withdrawal of troops, it would be desirable to meliorate /our insistence/ to such extent as shown in the following:

As to the Japanese troops despatched to China for the China Incident, those in certain districts of North China and Mongolia-Hsinking as well as in the Hainan Islands shall be stationed for a necessary period of time after the conclusion of the peace between Japan and China, and the rest shall begin withdrawal immediately after the peace is concluded in accordance with a separate arrangement to be made between Japan and China. This withdrawal shall be completed within two years.

NOTE:

In case an inquiry is made by the U. S. Government about the said necessary period it shall be answered with the purport that we estimate at about twenty-five years.

(2) The problem of stationing and withdrawal of troops in French Indo-China

Regarding this matter, as it is deemed that the U. S. A. entertains such apprehension that Japan harbours territorial ambition for French Indo-China and intends to make it the basic point to advance the armed forces to its adjacent areas, our insistence is to be meliorated to such extent as follows:

The Japanese Government respects the territorial sovereignty of French Indo-China. The Japanese troops now in French Indo-China shall be withdrawn immediately after the China Incident settled or the equitable peace of the Far East established.

(3) Non-discrimination of trade in China.

The following plan shall be adopted in case the plan of 25 September which has already been submitted cannot in any way be agreed upon:

If the basic principle of non-discrimination is applied throughout the whole world, the Japanese government will recognize the carrying out of this principle in the whole Pacific area, namely, in China, as well.

(4) Interpretation and fulfillment of the Tripartite Pact.

We are to make ^{it} clear that we have no intention to extend without good reason the interpretation of the right of self-defense, and at the same time, regarding the interpretation and fulfillment of the Tripartite Pact, the Japanese Government will act, as has repeatedly been explained before, according to its own decision. We will respond with the answer to the effect that we consider that we have already come to an understanding with America on this point.

We will do our utmost to avoid to include what they call the four basic principles in the items formally to be agreed upon between Japan and America (neither in an understanding plan nor in any other statement.)

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